

RACHEL McMILLAN.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 458.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Rachel McMillan, widow of Robert McMillan, late surgeon in the army of the United States, make the following report :*

The petition of Mrs. McMillan shows that her husband was appointed a surgeon's mate in the army of the United States on the 20th day of December, 1819 ; that he continued to execute said duties continuously for fifteen years, to the entire satisfaction of the government, being stationed at various posts on the northern, southwestern, and eastern frontiers, (where frequently infectious diseases prevailed,) under various commanders, named and proved by the records of the War Office ; that his life was in many instances exposed, and his health impaired and undermined, as proved by certificates of two eminent physicians who attended him in the sickness of which he ultimately died, to wit : on the 20th day of December, 1850, in the city of Brooklyn, leaving a widow and only son, a meritorious young man, who, at the time of his father's death, had just received the appointment of resident physician of the Brooklyn City Hospital ; that this son, while attending the sick in said hospital, contracted ship fever, and became its victim six months after the decease of his father, thus leaving her widowed and childless, and without means of support.

The committee deem this a case where relief should be granted, and therefore report a bill for her relief.

